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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Nov 6, 2002
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final. 2nd
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-35 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____ 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371© of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claims 1-35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Helfman (US Patent No. 6,119,135).

Regarding claim 1, Helfman discloses a display system for displaying web pages accessible via a network, the display system comprising: a computer system configured to send requests for web pages via the network to web page sites, the computer system configured to receive web pages via the network from web page sites (see Abstract); a display having display

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controls and a plurality of non-overlapping display areas having adjustable sizes, the plurality of non-overlapping display areas having a collective size equal to the sum of the non-overlapping display areas, each non-overlapping display area having independent display area controls and configured to independently display a web page received by the computer (see col. 3, lines 5-24); and a sizing control operable by a user to adjust the sizes of the display areas simultaneously with one control action while maintaining the collective size of the plurality of non-overlapping display areas (see col. 3, lines 25-65).

Regarding claim 2, Helfman discloses wherein the computer system executes only one instance of a software program involved with sending the web page requests and receiving and displaying web pages (see figure 1).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Helfman discloses wherein the computer system includes a modem for accessing the network; and wherein the computer system includes a network controller for accessing the network (see figure 3).

Regarding claim 5, Helfman discloses wherein the display controls are configured to activate a group of the display areas to display a web page from a list of web page sites selected from a plurality of lists of web page sites, the computer configured to store the plurality of lists of web page sites (see col. 4, lines 6-38).

Regarding claims 6-7, Helfman discloses wherein the display controls include a control configured to designate a display area as not being part of the group of the display areas; and

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wherein each display area of the group of display areas displays in a predetermined order a web page from the selected list of web page sites (see col. 5, lines 1-44).

As claims 8-16 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-7 above.

Regarding claims 17, Helfman discloses wherein the display controls of the display include a drag and drop control, the drag and drop control configured to drag and drop a uniform reference locator from a first display area into a second display area, the second display area configured to display a web page associated with the dropped uniform reference locator (see col. 6, lines 5-67).

As claims 18-23 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-7 and 17 above.

Regarding claims 24 and 25, Helfman teaches a computer system configured to send requests for web pages via the network to web page sites, the computer system configured to receive web pages via the network from web page sites; a display having a plurality of non-overlapping display areas configured to independently display a web page received by the computer; a first software program configured to provide instructions to send the web page requests and to receive web pages with the computer system using only one instance of the software program; and a second software program configured to display the web pages in the nonoverlapping display areas while a plurality of web pages are independently displayed in the plurality of the non-overlapping display areas (see col. 7, lines 6-61).

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As claims 26-30 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-7, 17 and 24-25 above.

Regarding claims 31-35, Helfman discloses further comprising a selection control configured to select a first set of web pages to be displayed in the display areas from the list of stored web page sites in the data storage area, the number of web pages of the first set being less than or equal to the number of display areas in the plurality of display areas, the selection control configured to subsequently select a second set of web pages to be displayed from the list of stored web page sites in the data storage area (see col. 8, lines 5-64 and figures 7-9).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (see PTO-892).

Response

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Inquires

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax number for this group is (703) 746-7240.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


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March 9, 2003